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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to lighted lamps on bicycles and bicycle
- 2 riders, making penalties applicable, and including effective
- 3 date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 321.385A, Code 2019, is amended to read 2 as follows:
- 3 321.385A Citation for unlighted headlamp, rear lamp, or rear 4 registration plate light, or bicycle lamp.
- 5 l. a. A citation issued for failure to have headlamps
- 6 as required under section 321.385 shall first provide for a
- 7 seventy-two-hour period within which the
- 8 person charged with the violation shall replace or repair the
- 9 headlamp.
- 10 b. A citation issued for failure to have rear lamps as
- 11 required under section 321.387 or a rear registration plate
- 12 light as required under section 321.388 shall first provide for
- 13 a seventy-two-hour period within which the
- 14 person charged with the violation shall replace or repair the
- 15 lamps or light.
- 16 c. A citation issued for failure to have a front or rear
- 17 lamp on a bicycle or on a bicycle rider as required under
- 18 section 321.397 shall first provide for a seventy-two-hour
- 19 period within which the person charged with the violation shall
- 20 replace or repair the lamp.
- 21 2. If the person complies with the directive to replace
- 22 or repair the headlamp, rear lamps, or rear registration
- 23 plate light, or bicycle lamp within the allotted time period,
- 24 the citation shall be expunded. If the person fails to
- 25 comply within the allotted time period, the citation shall be
- 26 processed in the same manner as other citations.
- 27 3. A citation issued under this section shall include
- 28 a written notice of replacement or repair which shall
- 29 indicate the date of replacement or repair and the manner in
- 30 which the replacement or repair occurred and which shall be
- 31 returned to the issuing authority within the seventy-two hour
- 32 seventy-two-hour time period.
- 33 Sec. 2. Section 321.397, Code 2019, is amended to read as
- 34 follows:
- 35 321.397 Lamps on bicycles.

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1 Every At the times specified in section 321.384, every 2 bicycle or bicycle rider shall be equipped with a lamp on 3 the front exhibiting a white light, at the times specified 4 in section 321.384, visible from a distance of at least 5 three hundred feet to the front and with a lamp on the rear 6 exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of three hundred 7 feet to the rear; except that a red reflector may be used in 8 lieu of a rear light. A peace officer riding a police bicycle 9 is not required to use either front or rear lamps if duty so 10 requires. 11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1, 12 2020. 13 **EXPLANATION** 14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly. 15 16 Current law requires a bicycle to have a front lighted lamp 17 and either a rear lighted lamp or a rear reflector at any time 18 from sunset to sunrise, and at such other times when conditions 19 such as fog, snow, sleet, or rain provide insufficient lighting 20 to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the 21 highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead. 22 This bill requires every bicycle or bicycle rider to have a 23 front and rear lighted lamp during the stated periods of time, 24 and strikes the provision allowing a bicycle or bicycle rider 25 to equip a rear reflector in lieu of the rear lighted lamp. 26 scheduled fine for violating this provision is \$25. 27 the bill provides that a citation issued for failure to have 28 a front lamp or rear lamp on a bicycle or on a bicycle rider 29 must first provide for a 72-hour period within which the person 30 charged with the violation shall replace or repair the lamp.

31 If the person complies with the directive to replace or repair

32 the lamp, the citation must be expunged.

The bill takes effect January 1, 2020.

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